



Petition Unites Working Families

Save Parent-Managed & Not-for-Profit Out of School Hours Care in NSW: Act Now!

The Hon. Sarah Mitchell has stripped parent-managed not-for-profit OOSH Providers and other not-for-profit Providers on public school sites of their protection from tender. We are calling on the NSW Premier, Dominic Perrottet, to intervene in order to arrest the corporatisation of the NSW Out of School Hours Sector.

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- ensure that existing parent-managed/community based Out of School Hours Services can continue to operate on public schools grounds without having to compete in an open tender;
- to expand existing protections to ensure that parent-managed/community based Out of School Hours Care.



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The NSW Department of Education announced on 13 December 2021 that parent-managed and not-for-profit OOSH Services on public school sites will be put out to commercial tender.

Network of Community Activities, peak body for Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) in NSW, strongly objects to this change in policy and will continue to fight for the interests of children, families, and the OOSH workforce.

Background

Not-for-profit parent-managed OOSHs (Incorporated Associations) and P&C-operated OOSHs have previously been considered the Department of Education's preferred model of care, and as such have been granted exemptions from going to tender to operate on public school sites. The history of Out of School Hours Care in NSW is deeply rooted in parent-involvement, with high quality Providers of OOSH on public school sites having operated for decades.

The Department of Education is quickly pushing through a policy change to only allow P&C-operated OOSH Services to be exempt from tender - giving existing parent-managed NFP Incorporated Associations no option but to close, or engage in a tender process that is stacked against them. Parent-community funds will need to be expended to competitively participate in the tender process.

The Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell, has assented to this change in policy - failing children and families that use or will use Out of School Hours Care.

Network of Community Activities holds grave concerns for the quality of care in NSW, and predicts a 'race to the bottom' that limits parental involvement in public schools and prioritises dollars over children.

This is already a matter of public interest:

Oct 6, 2021 <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/focus-on-childcare-bottom-dollar-leads-to-more-safety-breaches-report-finds-20211005-p58x9a.html>

Dec 14, 2022 <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/heartbreaking-new-hurdle-for-parent-run-after-school-care-centres-20211214-p59hh0.html>

We fundamentally believe that parent-managed Approved Providers shouldn't be forced to choose between winding up their Association and competing against corporate Providers to provide education and care to students in public schools.

The Hon. Sarah Mitchell's NSW Department of Education has failed children with this change of policy that will result in the closure of high quality Out of School Hours Care Services.



Impact on Working Families

“Dominic Perrottet wants to be a Premier for families. That’s how he chose to frame his political priorities after becoming leader of the NSW Liberal Party on Tuesday.” Sydney Morning Herald, 5th Oct 2021.

Network of Community Activities is appealing to you, the Premier, to keep your commitment to serve the families of NSW.

This corporatisation by stealth of the OOSH sector is in direct contrast to decades of Department of Education policy of having parent-managed services as their preferred model for OOSH care. The protection from tender had very sound public policy rationale, reflecting the benefits of parental involvement in OOSH care and the impossibility of parent volunteers competing on tenders with large profit-maximising objectives and deep pockets.

OOSHs on public school sites have a captive market and in this context free-market competitive forces will not ensure quality. Parents can’t just shop around and will be locked into the corporate provider selected for the duration of an 8 year license term, without any ability to influence the service provided. The choice is between the OOSH you are lumped with and withdrawing your children from care and reducing one parent’s working hours. The risk here to women’s engagement in the workforce is obvious.

This is an issue that unites working families across NSW. From the cities to the regions, working families are calling on you as Premier to save their community-based and not-for-profit OOSH services. Over the course of less than a week - despite the announcement being buried deep in the end-of-year news cycle - there have been over 8,500 signatories to the petition, calling on you as Premier to prevent the change in policy that will irrevocably harm the OOSH sector. More than 100 individual letters of complaint have been sent to the Hon. Sarah Mitchell from concerned parents who use out of school hours care and see the need for protection from tender for community based and other not-for-profit services.

The OOSH sector in NSW will not be ignored. The Educators, staff, parents and volunteers that dedicate their lives to and rely on OOSH services will use every method at their disposal to reverse this policy change. We are calling on you, Premier Dominic Perrottet, to intervene as a matter of urgency to prevent further distress and disruption to working families in NSW.

Actions

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- to expand existing protections to ensure that parent-managed/community based Out of School Hours Care Services can continue to grow and thrive in NSW.

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8,581 have signed. Let's get to 10,000!



At 10,000 signatures, this petition is more likely to get a reaction from the decision maker!

Rebecca Hendry signed 16 minutes ago

Sejal Dayal signed 22 minutes ago

Comments:

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The following are direct comments left on the petition by concerned working families and others regarding the policy change:

Bronwyn Little, 2261

"This is going to destroy outside school hours care! The P&C parents don't even have their children in centre and we have dealt with outside companies, they are all about the money!!"

Rebecca McHardy, 2777

"Our OOSH service is parent managed & has been in operation for over 30 years, this is very concerning"

Lorraine Halls, 2747

"Parent managed OOSH services are essential! Don't let the sector go to privatization and corporatisation. There are so many services at risk of closure due to this."

Kate Murphy, 1875

"Corporatisation doesn't belong in childcare"

Kate Gray, 2285

"The Department of Education is putting community based oosh services between a rock and a hard place, give up ownership and everything we've worked for as associations or go out to tender. This is about control of community funds and like the tender process as a whole is all about business and money and has no focus on the children, parents and community"

Virginia Ringrose, 2000

"I've worked in the OOSH sector for 28 yrs. The Not For Profit, parent run services provide quality for families and more support and consideration to staff wellbeing than large companies do. It's disgraceful that the NSW government are lumping non P&C based services in with large companies in the tender process. This is not a level playing field and is not about providing quality care for families."

Gavin Wilson, 2759

"Leave it as is... they do great"

Jennie Grey, 2232

"It has already been a really tough year...this is the last thing we need to contend with in the last week of term."

Michelle Fay, 2120

"Our local and community engaged OOSH is great and I wouldn't want to see it put under threat"

Kylie Hanbidge, 2233

"My P and C run service has gone out to tender. The process has been diabolical. We still don't know who the new provider is and if we will have a job.... 4 days until the end of term."

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Ella Germain, 2755

"Corporations do not provide the level of attention and care to students the locally run Parent or P&C provided service do, and can. Let's also not forget the support these fantastic people provide to parents through the relationships they build over time."

Shannon Hunter, 2219

"This would destroy my service."

Mario Ricaurte, 3141

"Totally agree, education is top priority."

Claire King, 2204

"This governments obsession with profit and privatisation is appalling, our OOSH is an amazingly run parent managed NFP, with caring and nurturing educators that give back to the community and it should stay that way"

Dina Crosariol, 2000

"Dont want the change. Leave as it is"

Kenneth Jeacle, 2000

"I want to recognise hidden & families in need"

Simone Raison, 2120

"Community run oosh centres focus on family and community. Let's not jeopardise this."

Debbie Richardson, 2759

"We need these places for working families"

Chrissie Psyll, 2208

"I believe our childcare centers should be for our children not money making corporations."

Janet Moore, 2045

"This looks like a pathway to the corporatisation of a non-profit sector which has long employed community involvement and expertise successfully. There have been many instances of failure and greed in the corporate early childhood sector. Let's put children before profits,"

Tina Keane, 2000

"I am a non for profit and believe we act for all families as we are run by families."

Matt Godman, 2000

"Non for profit organisations put the children and community first buy reinvesting money back into the service to provide quality of care. For profit organisation will win all tenders as they will provide the school with more rent. The focus will be on money and not on care."

David Bidwell, 2034

"Parent run services have families interests ads priority, not profits"

Lisa Muhle, 2259

"I work for a non profit oosh service that is amazing"

Shelley Ross, 2000

"Parent run and community based Outside School Hours Services provide quality care to families not to make a profit but to provide superior services to for profit private providers!"

Rachel Howe, 2259

"This is so wrong in so many ways. Parent Managed Run OOSH have a lot more involvement than Corporate run OOSH"

Barbara Mckinnel, 2259

"For my grandkids"

Caitlin Richards, 2251

"I work as an Oosh coordinator and believe we don't need to privatise."

Louise Courtney, 2076

"Children first, community first...corporate profit and cost savings are not in the best interest of young children or the community members who look after them."

Polly Price, 2000

"Over 30 years ago I set up a non profit community led centre at my local school. As a single parent I desperately needed such a service and was more than willing to get involved and make it happen. The centre is still running and thriving and continues to support all parents in providing a safe and healthy environment for the children at an AFFORDABLE cost. If such centre are 'sold' off to profit making enterprises what will happen to these values? I think we all know where that will lead and it's not in a good direction for children or parents. Parents and communities have put so much time and resources into these centres - social capital is thereby enhanced and supported. Policy makers need to think again about the long term implications of thus move away from community based care."

Kylie Court, 2259

"It is important for parents, students and school communities to maintain the high standard of care provided by our community educators."

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Bethany MacMillan, 4521

"As an educator I've personally been employed by P&C run NFP organisations, and for private run organisations. The private run organisations treat children as though they are dollar signs, keeping to budget, and to child : education ratios. By contrast, NFP P&C run centres employ more than what's simply legally required, their primary focus will always be the children, they don't count budgets, instead they program based on children's interests, not on what's the cheapest option. Putting them out to tender is not for the children, and if a childcare centre is not for the children, then what are they investing in?"

Sophie Williams, 2280

"This will hurt our not for profit ooshc.... We work so hard everyday to help our families, children & community especially during these last few years with COVID-19. To have this information come out to us 4 days from the end of the year. Stressful to say the least.. SAVE PARENT RUN NOT FOR PROFIT OOSHCS'!!!!!!!!!"

Katharine Hardy, 2250

"I believe every centre has the right to remain independent and focusing more on the children"

Jo Newton, 2106

"OOSH services should remain a community service - not one whereby Dept of Ed profits from corporate entities, who do not necessarily know the local children, families & community. Corporates looking to make a profit for their shareholders vs PMC run where every \$ goes to operating the centre - no shareholders. Personal & family orientated vs corporate."

Emma Lewis, 2290

"The parent managed OOSH at Eleebana Public School is an amazing NFP. Well organised, respectful and exceptional service."

Maureen Hayes, 2282

"This model of quality education and care is not broken, why force change where it is not needed. Parents, Educators and Public Schools all working together in a community setting have created a unique environment for children and families. Please don't rip the heart and community out of our local OOSH Services."

Kelly Wallwork, 2042

"I believe and participated in parent-managed/ community based OOSH Care Services while my child was at primary school. It enables families to stay connected & commits support within each school community."

Susan Cooper

"I'm an advocate for children's rights"

H Smith

"By implementing this blanket rule over not-for-profit services, the Department of Education is essentially wiping out HUNDREDS of well established, reputable and some (if not most) of the highest quality services in the sector. Not to mention the sectors most experienced personnel. What purpose does this policy serve exactly?? Apart from the obvious advantage it gives large corporate bodies. As not-for-profit services are forced to go to tender, it has not been made clear exactly why a perfectly well run, successful, long standing service would need to suddenly change its management model and be P&C run. Why would volunteer parents who may not necessarily use the service want to act as the Approved Provider? It makes no sense. This is a clear indication of just how out of touch the Department is with the needs/functions of communities and families, as well as the OOSH sector. Where was the consultation? Where exactly is this transparency? A sad day for communities, families, and long standing not-for-profit ser"

Carena Hawkins, 2232

"We are not for profit parent and community run centre for 35 years"

Claire Pemberton, 2282

"We have the best run oosh with a long and proven track record of quality and excellence. Our son has thrived at his school oosh and we want it to remain great!"

Megan Howdle, 2580

"CHILDREN BEFORE PROFIT SUPPORT COMMUNITY OOSH SERVICES REVERSE THIS DECISION"

Kaylyn Schofield, 2663

"It's necessary"

Deborah Beech, 2225

"I think the P&C should continue to manage pur OOSH"

Jennifer C, 2000

"I love working for a parent run committee.. what it means for a community and its purpose"

Christine Thomson, 2282

"This is an amazing OOSH and should not be lost to some large company"

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Pia van de Zandt, 2034

"I have had children in after hours school care and I strongly believe in this being community run and managed."

Alex Snellgrove, 2031

"I don't think childcare should change"

Amelia Ward, 2000

"This is going to lead to bad outcomes for the children"

Eleni Nanos, 2041

"Children's welfare matters - its not for profit, and parents have their child's interest at heart. Please sign this petition, my daughter works in OOSH."

Hayley Hurst, 2282

"My son goes to OOSH and its incredible I don't want it to change."

Dee Richardson, 2500

"We are over big corporations taking over and running OOSH's for profit, and not putting the kids first"

Joanne Croker, 2234

"This is so wrong, leave it as it is. why do things that are working fine have to change. Making money out of it is not right."

Jenny Bright, 2076

"Is this really how the Government believes is the best way to run the country & local community. How out of touch. Stop impacting the community in the wrong way."

Carmen Frendo, 2760

"I worked in OOSH for many years. We were taken over by one of the big companies. They are in it to make money and they don't have the best interests of the children and families. With a parent run service the money will always go back into making the service better for the families that use it."

Cindy Quinnell, 2147

"I am signing because this is so wrong and alot a beautiful and hard workers, workers that have put there blood sweat and tears into there passion and the government wants to just take it all away."

Janette Elwell, 2219

"I am passionate bout OOSH"

Belinda Wray, 2267

"This is a service that needs to be run by parents and the local community for the best interests of our children"

Rachel Holton, 2250

"Large companies, have less interest in the children and more interest in making money. These services have been doing an amazing job up until now, dont take that away from the children"

Deborah Salkeld, 2170

"I believe that we need to fix this problem & support our children"

Stefanie Cox, 2120

"Education and child care should never be For Profit."

Racheal Inman, 2759

"Why interfere with something that already works"

Louise Lawrenson, 2076

"This is not right. Keep it the way it is."

Jen Taylor-Michie, 2120

"Community over dollars!!"

Andrew Lindsay, 2225

"I believe parent or community based care for the children is worth more to the families than profit based modelling from a commercial operation"

Kerri Wickenden, 2077

"Our Outside school hour services are currently loved and we actually care about the children and our community. Governments and large corporations only care about the money they make."

Nitu Gupta, 2041

"Oosh is an incredibly important service"

Leah Morgan, 2292

"Big corporations have no place in the care of our children. Paren Rs and the community operate a gold class standard of care and should remain as the provider of OUR choice!!"

Melanie Winthorpe, 2120

"I support my school's current NFP service to continue delivering high quality, affordable care for my kids."

David Kong, 2113

"OOSH services are extremely important and providing high quality care for the children. Keep it the same way."

Jane Stevenson, 2233

"My son attends MAC and it's a great service which we want to keep not for profit and affordable."

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Jennifer Bailey, 2251

"It is important"

Janet Burstall, 2040

"I know that parent controlled OOSH care will put children first, and that for-profit operations in other areas of education and care are inevitably scandal ridden, because they must make a return on investment at the expense of the people they care for and the people they employ."

Maddi D'accione, 2905

"I'm from nsw (can't update my location) and do not want any change to our Oosh arrangements. They are working well and effective for the school and parents."

Tony Brown, 2040

"Local parent-community control of a school's before and after care is important for the children and the school community. Private operators in education have no 'feel' for a particular school and their model invariably relies on homogenisation and various anti-social practices such as under-payment of wages, poor employment practices and high turnover."

Kylie Leach, 2120

"This would be an absolute travesty!! Keep it parent run..."

Chela Weitzel, 2131

"Community control of community services is essential for a healthy society and care of our kids should not be for profit."

Maria Calabro, 2162

"I believe this is necessary and that parents know best about what children need"

Alison Burgess

"I am extremely concerned about the future of this sector. I am abhorred by the attitude this government has towards OOSH and the families that need us. Families will have to pay more no doubt so that these companies can make a profit. As for quality of care..... this is indeed a concern!"

Kate Carey, 2000

"The service provided for my children before and after school is fantastic and I don't want anything to change."

Katherine Delaney, 2016

"Our children's care should not come down to profit."

Tobias Howell, 2251

"My daughter went to Oosh at Woodport and cannot recommend highly enough and this I believe is because it was a family run centre. Not only did she go there when she was younger but when she was old enough was given the opportunity to work there which I believe if wasn't family run would not have been given this valuable opportunity."

Lange Jorstad, 94123

"The tendering of bespoke, well managed and fair costing OOSH services is just an initiative by large, anonymous service providers to edge out local providers and take market share. It does not serve the community's interests."

Anne Saymontry, 2038

"My daughter's experience of after care was incomparable. She and her friends adored the carers and the program. Would hate for other kids not to experience the local, personal care and attention she enjoyed."

Rachel Perreau, 2000

"Fee hikes will be prohibitive to so many families. This should not be put out to private vendors to protect families"

Kara McMillan, 2099

"I believe OOSH centres that have a community interest are focused on quality over profit. So the children are the winners!"

Jenny Riseborough, 2065

"Excellent community facilities with fantastic ratings should also be exempt. They go through rigorous accreditation processes and provide exceptional care."

Alice Winndix, 2042

"This is a really important issue! Stop privatisation of everything!!!"

Alison Peters, 2131

"Our NFP centre is brilliant, teaching kids about our local environment and developing wonderful child-led initiatives. I'd hate to see it swallowed up by a big organisation."

Kirrily Jones, 2154

"This proposed change will wipe out the valuable and incredibly important involvement of parents and families in maintaining and building strong communities that care for children out of school hours. Please protect what is left of this crucial community involvement and hold back the corporate invasion on our schools."

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Julian Frundt, 2114

"I am against putting these things out to tender. It will drastically decrease the quality of the care. Not good."

Rebecca D, 2131

"I have experienced both private and parent run after school care... the private run was like Lord of the Flies! It provided the bare minimum of supervision and care. By comparison the parent run service was all about the kids and offered a fun, supportive and caring space for kids to thrive after school. Our kids deserve better than to have their care needs used for profit!"

Bronnie coupe, 2300

"My grandsons go to one."

Joanna Lanham, 2233

"I want to keep it affordable"

Veronica Duffy, 2179

"Because after care of our children provides safety care and structure for our children Whilst parents complete their working day"

Nicole Webb, 2001

"I strongly believe ANOOSHCA should stay as part of the Annandale North Primary community."

Melanie Sandstrom, 2038

"Fantastic Oosh at my daughter's school-loved by the kids and parents of the school community."

Angus Gorrie

"This is insane"

Danielle Israe, 2077

"I care about the quality of care given to the children in NSW"

Lucy Riggall, 2026

"ANOOSCHA is being run well"

Jill Gleave, 2082

"It is a fabulous system that is proven"

Chantelle Lang, 2779

"I have children attending and LOVE this service"

Scott Pearson, 4109

"I originally went there my mother was on the committee and now my daughters both go there. It is a great facility and there is no need for this change."

Annaliese Dent, 3121

"I want to keep the same out of school after care!"

Jamie Parkin, 4101

"Parent run centres are more responsive to the needs of the children. Commercial operators are more concerned with their bottom line than the care of the kids."

Kath Hales, 2304

"Our oosh is absolutely the best and goes above and beyond for the students. It is parent-managed and should remain so."

Amy Lampasona, 2155

"Not for profit OSHC services deserve a chance to care for children in our community."

Beckie Schofield, 2261

"I am an OOSH worker and we love our centre the way it is."

Rick Warr, 2515

"I think the Govt should be promoting community based services and not private profiteers."

Martin Ford, 2000

"We love our community run childcare. Competitive tendering should be a parent based decision and decided at a community level."

Anna Yang, 2074

"My child goes to ANPS and we believe this community run service should continue for all children at the school."

Wanita Smith, 2871

"Signing this because we are an amazing non for profit OSHC service!"

Missy Belcastro, 2777

"Loosh is great :)"

Debra West

"Our centre doesn't need to change ge"

Lynne Williams, 4217

"I would spend time at the Care Centre with my dear friend Wendy Hesford and her daughters and saw first hand the love and care given to the children who attended. Big corporations won't give the same, to them it will be all about the dollar."

Tess Dowman, 2287

"Sarah Mitchell does not have my support nor does she represent me or my family values."

Anna Libro-Franco

"I support this"

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Tanya Hosken, 2065

"Community based oosh services should remain as they are"

David Cadogan, 2304

"I'm sick to hell of the government thinking they know what's best for the care of our children..."

Pamodinee Wijayanayake

"My daughter attended a non for profit child care which was excellent. They provided a service that did not cut corners to make profit. They have to stay in this market to provide the bench mark service!"

David Smith, 2443

"More Stupidity in the name of greed and profit!"

Alicia Wilson, 2779

"Next year I will have 2 children in an OOSH. I wouldn't be able to work if I didn't have this option to us and would be heavily financially impacted if anything happened to it"

Dominique Wilson, 2042

"Education & child care services should not be privatised."

Susan MacNeill, 2281

"our local services are fantastic just the way they are - it's not broken so it doesn't need to be fixed!"

Jacqueline Bouf, 2132

"Parent run OOSH are essential"

Karen Gibson, 2204

"The education department does not understand the needs of children, parents or local communities especially in regional locations. Our children will suffer in order to raise revenue for the state government and education department."

Heidi Farrelly, 2233

"We need cheaper childcare not dearer!"

Emily Hughes, 2146

"We love our OOSH!"

Bonnie Mittins, 2282

"This community run OOSH serves the needs of the children and the community to a high standard. It is successful as it is a personalized community driven organization. It is highly regarded by the students, parents, carers and school."

Jane Ashby, 2000

"This service made it possible for me to keep my job and be a mum at the same time."

Lisbeth Kennelly

"The non-commercial, community aligned OOSH Care service is loved by kids and parents and assists the school with purchases. Commercial interests could not possibly deliver the same (not for profit) service, with long-term staff retention who are part of the community."

Denise Bosnjak2145

"I'm signing because ACI is the most amazing OOSH service. We been accessing it for 9years now with one more year needed. It would be a big loss for BRPS to lose ACI, to some big company like Camp Australia. The care and support given by ACI cannot be matched! Sign this petition. The kids always came home with a smile on their face after spending time at the ACI service. Good luck ACI, we back you 100%!!!!"

Rebekah Jeffery, 2133

"How disappointing. I wouldn't hesitate to put my child in a parent or P&C run OOSH, but this clear money grab from the government shows they only have themselves in mind, not what's best for the children"

Elizabeth Tye, 2156

"Our OOSH has provided outstanding service to our school community for over 20 years. The staff genuinely care for our students and our school community. OOSH staff often step in to the volunteer void left by parents who no longer have the ability to volunteer as in previous years for our P&C. Our OOSH have also significantly contributed financially to our playground project, investing in equipment and play space for our students where school funding has been lacking. No commercial operation would benefit our community same way."

Rob Charteris, 2484

"Trust a liberal gov to find new ways to profit from and incur charges to mums and dads. This will privatise then the service be about money and shareholders and not the care, responsibility and love from good folks fully qualified and wanting to deliver it as if it were there own children...."

Eloise Baker, 2114

"OOSH should remain non-profit to maintain quality standards"

Kirsty Newton, 2112

"Non for profit organisations are the heart and soul of before and after school care services, we do no put money before relationships andcare"

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Laura Zeng

"I believe we have been providing high standard care to our community. We took parents input seriously and We focus on what the best for our children. I do believe the parents -managed OOSH is the best structure of this sector. We care about parents and children."

Margaret King, 2115

"I have a child in after school care."

Diana Oates, 2038

"We deeply value the current after school care run by the not for profit organisation and villa op with parents. We do not want a commercial childcare organisation replacing this."

Fabiana Silva, 2000

"I am single mother, I need school care for my son and I need an affordable cost"

Olivia Giunti, 2122

"My daughter attends a NFP parent committee managed OOSH and receives amazing care and services targeted to our school and our community. This puts at risk the care and services without consideration of the impact to kids and educators within those community focused services."

Danielle Gibson ,2069

"The service is amazing and should not be forced to close"

Bruno Meier, 2232

"Existing system is far better"

Ariane Brodrick, 2650

"We use this fantastic service and it's so important to our family & our community!"

Jade Morrow, 2250

"Couldn't be more disgusted at the approach this government has had to Education and Early Childhood the last couple of years. This is just another example of money over care in what should be a socially and relationship minded position. Will never vote for this government, ever. Proud to pay the Federation our fees every week so they can tell you how out of touch you really are."

Vivien Smith, 3021

"Privatising OOSH Services will definitely raise prices and may lower standards of care and child to adult ratios. This is a bad idea with no merit whatsoever"

Jenn Clifton, 2114

"This is nonsense. Services that are tried and tested and have been in operation for years have undergone continual accreditation in order to give quality care to families. If you don't meet the accreditation you don't pass. Simple as. Putting this to tender is a kick in the guts."

Cheryl Banks, 2289

"I love my OOSH and want it to provide the amazing above average in every way service. HANDS OFF our OOSH!!!"

Fiona Gock, 2260

"It is vital that there is a balance between not for profit and private centres!"

EM Smith

"Companies are profit driven not student driven We said no to Camp Australia... Now we say no to this!!"

Penny Lindley, 2016

"This is terrible. Please sign to keep not for profit childcare."

Gardie Stewart, 4065

"It can't go to tender"

Cheryl Wilson, 2291

"Child care is too important to be run by money hungry corporations. Put children first!"

Stuart Driver, 2125

"I care about how the Out of school hours care is run. It should not be put out to tender where the cheapest, nastiest service provider gets the job, putting children's lives and wellbeing at risk."

Ngairé Duncan-Watt, 2062

"Not for profit, community run OOSH services provide excellent care and support to kids and parents. Premier Perrottet, please do not risk this high level of care by putting them out to tender!"

Anirvan Dutt, 226021

"I'm signing it because parents run OOSH are better for kids. I know this as I have seen both being run."

Kevin Fox, 2000

"Mate at the end of the day some parents can't pay or deal with the cost of after school care, BUT there are alternatives that I support and AFTER CARE I DO."

Kate Petterson, 2232

"Community care puts kids first"

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Alyce Hamer, 2120

"The department of education need to stop making stupid decisions based of saving a buck"

Anne Farah Hill, 2206

"I manage a not for profit OOSH centre and value the inclusion of the not for profit sector in the delivery of OOSH services as we are not in it for the profits."

David Wilkinson, 2127

"The present service operated at my children's school - Eastwood Public School - is superb. The kids love it. The quality of care is excellent. There are high numbers of staff. The fees are very reasonable."

Amanda Holt, 2283

"We need children to be cared for people not worrying about getting a profit. It is a village not a bank that raise children."

Bruce Cuneo, 2001

"The government needs to stop privatising everything that works. "Let sleeping dogs lie.""

Lal Vider, 4565

"It's important for me with 32 great grandchildren"

Trish Hickey, 2000

"Do not put profits before our kids!!! They are receiving the best care in our OOSHs!!!"

Natalie Watson, 2000

"As a working single parent with no choice but to send my kids to before and after school care each day, I cannot tell you how disappointing the prospect of losing our NFP parent run OOSH is. Having previously been at a school with multiple corporate operators, there is no comparison to the service, care, interaction, love and support that our current service provides. Having seen another local primary school lose their beloved OOSH provider of many years to a corporate entity that the school community didn't want and doesn't like, I'm very sad at the prospect of this happening at our school too. I hope the Premier and the Department are listening - THIS CHANGE IS NOT WANTED OR NEEDED!! Kids before profit!!!"

Blacker Bryan, 2502

"Privatisation only costs more in the long term. Children are our future!"

Emma Dreyer, 2251

"This is not right"

Margret Egger Egger, 2034

"As a lifelong believer and supporter of community based and not for profit run children's services sector I do strongly object to this proposed policy changes."

Greg Davies, 2620

"Never get between a Liberal politician shovelling money and their donors."

Sarah Schwitter, 2000

"I think it should remain the same as it is."

Amanda Cornish, 10016

"We need to protect our parent run schools"

Catherine Giunti, 2122

"I believe the community run OOSH do and will provide a better service and do not need to be taken over by the government."

Cara Willis, 2081

"I'm signing because i feel like this will change everything that doesn't need to change. I feel that my son with Autism will not be accepted into vacation care anymore at my daughters school if it changes (he's in a different school and they don't do vacation care). And as a disability support worker i rely on the holiday program. Why change something that doesn't need to be changed? Some parents struggle to pay for care but don't have a choice because they have to work. Putting price's up will not help. I love it the way it is. So DO NOT CHANGE IT."

Karee Stuthridge, 2001

"Don't ruin a wonderful space for our children."

Sallie Cairnduff, 2048

"My son goes to. Parent managed after school care and I love it"

Michelle Thompson, 2233

"As both my children have used MAC. The staff are amazing. It's an incredible service being inside the school. The money they contribute towards the school does wonders"

Samantha Rathbone, 2422

"SAVE"

Benjamin Sciberras, 2145

"I used to work for a parent managed OOSH"

Ruth Altman, 2068

"This is disgusting. The customer should have choice. With all his children the Premier should know better"

Dimitra Psiroukis, 2135

"Children should come first always to be given fair opportunities in education. Their future should not be dictated by only those that can afford. Government support is needed for those that have talent and drive to be able to contribute to the future of our country."

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Hamish Manton, 2113

"Many not for profits will lose business."

Tracey Peer, 2535

"Our community needs OOSH which provides a family orientated service, something these big providers can't provide not personally knowing our children"

Scott Willis, 2081

"It's all fucked up.It's all money.It's I want a share in that.It sucks but that's the way the world is going"

Chris Boorer, 2077

"This is an incredibly important issue that impacts families and children, I feel I must act upon."

Steve Willis, 2777

"Corporations shouldn't be in charge of oosh, our children will suffer"

Ainsley Newson, 2038

"Parent run NFP OOSH provides brilliant care for my children. Many alumni come back to work there, creating local employment and fostering a sense of community"

Alison Hays, 2040

"It is a really important part of parent managed OOHC as it reflects the community and what is important. If you are trying to encourage parents to have committees for inclusive education then privatising this part of schooling how do these philosophical positions on two programs that are vital to a school going to work. Please keep these centres as they are."

Lucy Martin, 2565

"I use OOSH and its survival is critical to my family"

Brooke Capovilla, 2156

"Quality affordable education and care for school age children in all communities is vital!!!"

Virginia Maguire, 2131

"Our OOSH is parent run and community minded. It also has excellent governance structures and exceeds quality standards requirements. Don't take it away from our community"

Margaret Saldanha

"The not for profit organisations not only provide a great service but always prioritise the children ensuring they get the best care. They also take good care of their staff which results in happy staff."

Peta Fitzpatrick, 4019

"NFP services consistently perform better in the Assessment and Rating process under the National Quality Framework than for profit providers. Family involvement enhances relationships which benefits children."

Philip Ryan, 2048

"My youngest child is a regular user of Leichhardt Out Of School Hours care. Our older kids also were. It has been an invaluable aid to us, and the close links between parents, staff and school have been central. The lack of consultation with parents and the non profit LOOSH centres is appalling, and gives every impression that the government sees this as yet another prize to give away to their friendly interests. We will oppose this."

Charlotte Hope, 2066

"It's a beautiful oosh which is doing just fine being community run"

Alyson Honey, 2039

"I'm signing this because from experience of working in the industry non for profit organisations give a better quality of child care experiences and focus on the children not the financial gains"

Shannon Walsh, 6230

"Save parent-managed out of school hours care in NSW!"

Allana Parkinson

"Nanyima is amazing the best after school program."

Leanne Cullen, 2217

"My grandchildren attend SSPS before and after school care"

Victoria Hay, 2114

"my OOSH is an outstanding service putting kids and families first and it is perfect the way it is"

Roy Faulkner

"Big childcare organisations do not offer the same experience for the children."

Carolyn Cannings, 2120

"I have a little friend who benefits greatly from the OOSH he attends. If this new plan goes ahead, he will not be able to attend out of school hours care. Please ask the Minister to think outside her wallet for once. OOSH is run by parents for their kids. Do not put it out to commercial tender."

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Greg Bailey, 2113

"Parents are the most qualified to provide out of school care! It must not be farmed out for profit to uncaring large profit driven organisations. This would not be a civilised way to provide out of school care!"

Wesley Wang

"I had bad experiences in the corporation operated Child Care and believe community based NFP is doing better jobs in looking after our kids."

H Smith

"A sad day for communities, families, and long standing not-for-profit services who, in many local communities, have worked tirelessly through the years to support and look after generations of families. Community based, parent run services play an integral role in our local communities. Once you take away parent/community input - you really start to etch away at the core fabric of society."

Liisa V, 2001

"I believe in quality education and a giving parent-run and not for profit providers a fair chance."

Sara Norton, 2076

"I am on the noosh committee at our school and its wonderful to be able to get involved and put the parents thoughts forward to the after school care that their own kids belong too."

Anne McNamara, 2257

"As a former parent volunteer and committee member of an OOSH program, I know first hand how valuable these support services are for working families. I send my support."

Meredith Gordon, 2517

"A model that has worked since the 70s and is still viable, should not have to change. Many families depend on these services because they are unable to afford the private fees. And what a cheap move by the Dept. to announce it in the last year of school, with only one year to adhere to their ridiculous change. Disgraceful."

Alice Wong Riley, 2038

"It's important for my children to have a safe and fun space to go to before school and after school. The service provided by ANOOSCHA is fantastic."

Alexis Briffa, 2145

"Dont want the level of care to be affected"

Jesslyn Mui Fung Chin 2114

"Parents should involve in out of school hours care and I strongly disagree to be commercialised this out of school hours care"

Heather Stokoe, 1001

"It is an important service that focuses on the children's best interests rather than profit."

Lisa Smajlov, 2114

"History of privitisation in disability, aged caee, water, transport roads has worked so well...Not. After hours care in schools will lead to less connected quality care. Why does the government always seek to tender...Oh yes I know \$\$\$"

Megan Roach, 2148

"My current OOSH service is great. My children have personalised and flexible and more importantly caring service. They understand the needs of my children and busy parents.We don't need any more privatization run by white men that went to private school with Dom!No more!Our children's care is not for sale!"

Veneranda Altavilla, 2000

"I am signing because care should not be privatised"

Kim Maggiotto, 2305

"Why change what works. They are doing a wonderful job. When greedy profit oriented private companies get hold the quality declines"

Nicola Walker, 2038

"I'm signing because I wholeheartedly agree that aftercare should not be privatised."

Sarah Barrett, 2750

"I'm signing because it we after school centre like this, there not enough after school care sites in our area and they do amazing jobs more so than these big private own business,"

Jackie Brighton, 2000

"My kids had a great experience at LCOOS"

Judy de Jong, 2121

"Privatisation will make this too expensive for many parents."

Tessha Mearing, 2505

"Don't let the corporate child care services break what is not broken"

Catherine Sundbye, 3057

"Our children are not for sale or profit. Community and parent run all the way"

Krystal Vaux, 2074

"Our schools OOSH centre is amazing as it is and does not need to be privatised."

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Jocelyn Yem, 2000

"Community run OOSH put the children's care first. Local community members and parents contribute to the direction and management of these services - something that cannot be guaranteed with corporates."

Susan Bell, 2000

"OOSH must be protected"

Sharon Thompson, 2007

"I'm sick of this government privatising everything"

Michelle Morgan, 2570

"I want the best care for my grandchildren."

Lyn Midgley, 1001

"Why does it need to change big profit less service"

Jillian Hogan

"OOSH services should stay with the community, led by community and parents and not corporate businesses."

Georgie Den, 2068

"Affordable quality Outside School Hours Care is absolutely vital for parents whose work hours don't fit between 9am & 3pm - and let's be real, not many jobs fit that bill! Shutting out Parent-managed & NFP services in NSW is madness."

Warwick Aylett, 2225

"I feel there is no need to change something that is functioning well as it is"

Catrina Lucock, 4352

"Kids are more important than profit"

Barbara Merriman, 2421

"I'm sick of the government taking away affordable options for parents in their quest to privatize everything and abducting all their responsibilities."

Steff Wiedenbein, 2040

"We love Leichhardt public school OOSCH and support the way it is currently run. The team are amazing and our kids love it the way it is. We have had issues in the past with smaller childcare centres being bought out by larger businesses."

Cezar-George Gradinariu, 2066

"We had a bad experience with childcare when we had both kids in a place ran strictly as a business. The outcome was a constant shuffling of staff with little to no experience. The good ones who were there initially left, the children were completely unhappy, unable to form any connection with the staff. Terrible idea. And still, it was expensive as any other place."

Miranda Johnson, 2125

"This is a stupid idea and will probably only benefit some LNP member or donor."

Sofia Parish, 2031

"I want to maintain a wide variety of after school care options for my children. This sector does not need to be handed over to large businesses!!!"

Kim Liebeck, 3205

"Parents need to be able to manage their children's care and education, to suit their individual children, their family's needs and circumstances."

Therese Horsington, 2131

"Do the 'RIGHT ACTION'! Keep these necessary Places OPEN."

Rachel Fletcher, 2340

"I'm signing because the Oosh situation now is just what is needed!!!!!!!"

Mandy Holland, 2340

"My children have used Oosh their whole primary school career. They are now in 5 & 6. This is devastating to such a beautiful small school community that helps farming and industry families with care."

Francene Russell, 2082

"Out of school hours care should be managed by the community. It is not an education issue but a care issue. It needs to be affordable and available to parents."

Teona Pavliukova, 2066

"I'm signing because I deeply against the change and believe it will reduce competition and diversity in the sector."

Nadine Neate, 2230

"I'm signing because I have experienced child care from a large corporate and the care was not as good quality as a NFP/smaller provider."

Sandy Attard, 2125

"I think if parents are prepared to run a centre they should not be at a disadvantage to profit run organisations"

Christine Hie, 2114

"OOSH has been running fine for so long. Leave OOSH alone! Why ruin a good thing?"

Geoff Davies, 2622

"Profit and care are not compatible - so many examples already, eg. aged care."

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Fay Dart, 2343

"This is an essential service for families."

Karen Perry, 2233

"My child attends Marton Activity Centre and we love the service. Staff are fantastic and the parent run committee do a terrific job. Fees are kept as low as possible."

Leah Benintendi, 2229

"I want to support current services and providers"

Di Treister, 2225

"This is ridiculous."

Alexandra Adams, 2062

"Our school community has a fantastic OOSC program and should not be run for profit"

Alex Farrar, 2040

"Anooscha has been an integer all part of my children's time at ANPS & should remain as is"

Claire Hanbidge, 2234

"How dare you put profits ahead of our children and communities. We want to keep our parent/not for profit run centres. How dare you sell of another asset that isn't yours."

Kylie Costello, 2065

"In my experience not for profit care for my children has been the best care they have received. It keeps shildcare affordable and accessible for everyone."

Karen Armitage, 2000

"I'm fed up with bureaucracy ! typical gov'n wanting to control when the OOSH works well"

Terence Roberts, 2322

"Keep business out of this, they will stuff up the system and make it too expensive after a year or so. Do not fix something that is not broken."

Sherene Pan, 2112

"We have a very good parent run Service. Please don't force them to the hands of profit driven providers."

Sarah Hytner, 2031

"Every time a service is privatised, it becomes all about profit and nothing about service. Every single time."

Margie Brewer, 2289

"We have an excellent parent run not for profit operating at our local school. Corporate for-profit providers would change the ethos of this fantastic service."

Karen Fletcher, 2622

"It's not broken so doesn't need fixing.If the govt starts messing with it, it will end up like aged care, an absolute mess."

Megan Wood, 2068

"The oosh we have used has been nothing but quality care. I feel this is because it is not part of the corporate system."

Felicity Chua, 2229

"I'm signing because I believe current model best provides for my child's needs. I am disappointed in the way the government has tried to sneak this through without public (and especially parent) consultation."

Maggie Chen, 2114

"We and our kids like the staff and center. Thank you. Our kids are very happy there."

Emily Pettafor, 2026

"I care about locally run, not for profit child care for our schools"

Kirsty Payne, 2196

"I want OOSH to stay in the not for profit sector"

Hans Czerwionka, 6020

"Parents should have a choice"

Gilion Phillips, 2040

"I helped establish one almost 40 years ago and really appreciate what they do and how they reflect each community"

Louise Treen, 2024

"This I an essential service and should be treated as such they deserve and require all the support they can get to continue."

Brooke Sheldrick, 2233

"I am a parent and I want this to continue to be run by parents and as not for profit"

Wendy McWilliam, 2680

"My son is cared by this centre four days a week that supports me work full time."

Uyen Pham, 2122

"debasca have been an invaluable part of our children's education and the quality of care is zero to none. We want to preserve this for future generations"

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Debbie Chen, 1001

"I'm signing because of I'm trying to protect kids from my view"

Jim McCormack, 2508

"I believe and support the current OOSH approach and fundamentally have no faith in government approaches to change, as they are in every case only to the benefit of govt. And not the public interest."

Kate Giles, 2074

"Our oosh is amazing!!!!"

Ash Hetho, 2289

"This is bullcrap just another controlled money grab"

Sarah Hare, 2000

"Quality OOSH needs to be saved!"

Ishbel Thorpe, 2070

"I was involved with Kids' House start up. Wonderful place."

Ben Ryke, 2076

"Why am I not surprised that this Liberal Government is again planning to sell out to large corporations and ruin all the work being done by small businesses and not-for-profit organisations? They don't care about the communities, they just want to increase the profits of their corporate "mates""

Tony Retsos, 2042

"I am appalled at the Minister's decision on OOSH and hope that common sense prevails and the Minister puts children before profits. Otherwise she better be on notice at the next election.."

Anshul Kumar, 2150

"I'm signing because my son has attended a parent managed service in the past and how happy we are from the care provided to him both personally and professionally. We cannot risk these services to be run by corporations."

Joyce Yan, 2112

"Why change something that works well. No commercial cares in schools!"

Anne Henson, 2622

"I'm signing because my grandchildren attend and if it is run as a private enterprise it will be to expensive"

Rebecca Cooke, 2290

"It's gross to put a price on community. Typical of this liberal govt."

Monica Tang, 2074

"My son attends OOSH everyday, and they are all doing fantastic jobs, we want them to stay."

karen cochrane, 2557

"I agree with the petition"

Rachel Baumann, 2257

"We need our before and after school care"

Monica Tang, 2074

"My son attends OOSH everyday, and they are all doing fantastic jobs, we want them to stay."

Kandice Williams, 2050

"We love the current structure"

Nazneen Karbhari, 2077

"I don't want school care to go under private for profit sector who only care about their profits."

Nasrin Manshadi, 2076

"Private corporates will pocket money. They will increase their fees and provide so much less. Look at what's happened to the childcare industry"

Bryan Lucas, 2650

"It's about our kids and bot profit"

Jen Chan, 2001

"The parent managed OOSH (DEBASCA) my kids go to are fantastic! They exceed in every audit to back up the dedication staff have in providing excellent care. My children love the OOSH they go to and look forward to going and all their activities more than going to school! They are well organised, professional and genuinely care for my children. This year has been hard enough let alone taking away one of the only security my children and I have. Ridiculous that this OOSH that has been operating so well over the last 30+years have to worry about this. Stop making being a parent difficult. Your policies aren't helping."

Jennie Lucas, 2042

"I'm signing this petition as the service provided by our not-for-profit managed OOSH care is excellent, personal and driven purely with the children's physical, emotional, social and intellectual well being in mind and not profits that end up in the pockets of an owner or shareholder. The educators at NNOOSH are passionate, caring, safe and reliable. They need to be allowed to continue their good work for the sake of the children."

Rebecca Vick, 2650

"We love the outsider hours care at our school. We don't want anything to change."

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Gaya Raman, 2068

"We love the service and want to maintain it"

Helen Curry, 2779

"This is an appalling grab for quick cash, by a government who is only interested in providing wealth opportunities for their mates. Who can better understand the needs of our children than their parents and community?"

Seth Morgan-Ruhan, 2250

"Non for profits in the childcare arena should have serious consideration over for profit"

Terri Berenguer, 2600

"Community involvement is so much better than big business"

West Pymble OOSH, 2073

"Our OOSH in West Pymble has been operating as an incorporated not-for-profit since 1990. All (small) profits go right back into improving the centre for our children. Our 3 permanent staff all live within walking distance of the school, our children went to the school, all our uni student casual educators went to the school and attended the OOSH. Our Director has been here 27 years, and her support staff for more than 10 years. Our Parent Committee is supportive, they have seen us through more than one upheaval, not least of all two major Covid-19 lockdowns. They have a range of corporate skills that support the centre in ways that many businesses couldn't afford. The privatisation of a small community run, community involved centre, with a history going back 31 years will not benefit the children now or in the future. Our community does not want this, we were not consulted. We worry that profits will come first, that staff ratios will be reduced, that corners will be cut, employee retention will cert"

Samantha Rosario, 2151

"Parents and children need this."

Amy Bargon, 2000

"The current framework is working to benefit school children, families, staff and the school."

Linda Hogan, 2145

"Because it's a much needed and safer thing to do"

Emma Rahe, 2099

"We love our after school care!"

Rachel Green, 2650

"We love oshc the way it is!!"

Dee Hubbard

"I love that the centre creates their own activities, which always something different"

Brooke Maclure, 2257

"Baycare is the only way I'm able to work my job with the long hours."

Panna Doshi, 2000

"I believe out of school care should not be profit led. It is about the children"

Amie Bennett-McCann, 2251

"I use the service"

Dani Lawrie, 2560

"Help save the school after school care."

Michael Vardakis, 2232

"Highly opposed to this moving forward!!!"

Samantha Kell, 2152

"This is a vital service to our community especially for working parents."

Clare Wong, 2073

"My school care centre has been the best for my kids and they deserve the support."

Kok-Cheng Lim, 2000

"I care."

Leanne Bailey, 2257

"It's a needed service"

Julia Santarelli, 2065

"My kids use the OOSH at their public school. This is absolutely disgraceful, the government can't be allowed to push out the wonderful community of carers in favour of profit."

Peter Crowe, 2038

"The ANOOSCHA service my children went to was outstanding. The model works, don't change it"

Maureen Coorey, 2037

"Affordable childcare is a necessity for working women and families."

Kim Juresa, 2261

"Dreadful decision by the Government Tender...really, jobs for mates...pass this while no one's looking... these OOSH governed by NFP organisations work wonderfully well. Run by local people caring for the community."

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Nat Tang, 2000

"Think of the children not bottom line first"

Di Greaves, 2430

"I believe the present system works perfectly well and should be left well enough alone."

Meher Mody, 2000

"I don't think commercialising it will benefit anyone other than the already rich fat cats. We need the care to remain as not for profit. Society would be regressing if it changed."

Kristy Goodwin, 2148

"I support the parent managed service"

Reg Tierney, 6001

"It's unfair"

Toyah Sansum, 2352

"I'm signing this because every parent has the right to work and every child deserves to be safe while their parents work. Not everyone has family support."

Agnes Lai, 2000

"We love our centre, as it currently operates. The community emphasis is an important aspect to the vibes, values and nature of the centre. These fundamental elements are not included in common outcome measures. Children learn and model the gift of giving, acts of kindness, in the mere day to day example of the non-profit parents led team and educators demonstrates. There is a core difference between the two, and they are not comparable despite how similar the functionality it seems to serve when considering for tendering to corporate management"

J C

"We are having the best school care now and I don't see the reason for change"

Kathleen Clarke, 2340

"My grandchildren benefit from OOSH"

Vee Wong, 2000

"The services of our local OOSH have been amazing. The team has been serving the community for decades and their care has provided such reassurance for our family. I cannot imagine how the changed model is going to be an improvement. Leave well enough alone."

Melissa Daley, 2233

"I've seen this result in significant fee increases without added school benefit. In fact poorer service provision to school community."

Corie Sutherland, 2001

"I have three sons who all attend after school care. I will not stand by and allow this corrupt government continue to commit heinous acts of profiteering and corporatisation against our children and the education system in general! Down with the liberals!!!"

Corie Sutherland, 2001

"Don't forget to email the minister with your disgust: EMAIL THE MINISTER SUBJECT: Stop the Demise of Parent-Managed and other NFP OOSH Services To: sarah.mitchell@parliament.nsw.gov.au"

Janelle Ferguson, 2001

"Commercialising OOSH will increase childcare cost. Working parents cannot afford higher fees for no reason other than business profits."

Rochelle Hutson, 2076

"Appalled at this decision by Minister of Education, shame on you! OOSH services should remain community services."